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C O N F I D E N T I A L OECD PARIS 19209

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SUBJECT: IEA/SLT: DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS TO STRENGTHEN  
NUCLEAR COOPERATION

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1. CONSIDERATION OF MEANS TO STRENGTHEN IEA COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR SECTOR RESULTED IN PRELIMINARY DECISION TO EXPLORE SPECIFIC AREAS OF POSSIBLE NEW COOPERATION PLUS AREAS WHERE ON-GOING EFFORTS COULD PROFITABLY BE AUGMENTED. MAJORITY OF DELEGATIONS SHARED U.S. VIEW OF DESIRABILITY REINFORCE NATIONAL EFFORTS THROUGH COOPERATION DESIGNED TO IMPROVE NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT CLIMATE; A FEW DELEGATIONS WILL NOT PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN IEA NUCLEAR PROGRAMS AS NATIONAL PROGRAMS NOT YET DECIDED.

2. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION, SWISS IN PARTICULAR STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF U.S. PROPOSALS AND OFFERED COMPREHENSIVE AND DETAILED SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW/IMPROVED PROGRAMS; ITALIANS ALSO ENTHUSIASTIC ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT ELABORATE VIEWS SO EXPLICITLY. NORWAY, SWEDEN AND THE DUTCH IN EFFECT ABSTAINED ON GROUNDS NATIONAL DEBATES ON FUTURE, IF ANY, OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR PROGRAMS NOT CONCLUDED AND THUS GOVERNMENTS NOT ABLE PARTICIPATE IN COOPERATIVE PROJECTS, INCLUDING TAKING PART IN PUBLIC EDUCATION ENDEAVORS. REMAINING DELEGATIONS ESSENTIALLY IN ACCORD WITH U.S. IN VIEWING THIS EXERCISE AS ATTEMPT TO REINFORCE NATIONAL NUCLEAR PROGRAMS BY ENCOURAGING STUDY OF FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, FURTHERING DATA COLLECTION, IMPROVING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING, AND OTHERWISE GENERALLY REDUCING CONSTRAINTS ON NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT.

3. AS A RESULT OF DEBATE, IT AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT TO COLLATE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON STRENGTHENING NUCLEAR COOPERATION: THIS WILL INCLUDE: ANALYSIS OF CAUSE OF LOWER THAN INITIALLY PROJECTED RATE OF NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT (AND IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER FUELS IF REDUCTION IN OIL DEPENDENCE OBJECTIVES ARE TO BE  
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OBTAINED); SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN CONSTRAINTS ON NATIONAL NUCLEAR PROGRAMS; AN INVENTORY OF SPECIFIC GAPS IN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS/AND AREAS WHERE MORE INTENSIVE WORK COULD USEFULLY BE UNDERTAKEN. ON BASIS THIS EFFORT, SECRETARIAT WILL THEN PREPARE PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION WORK PROGRAM. DRAFT PROGRAM TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT EARLY DATE TO PERMIT DISCUSSION AND

ELABORATION AT NEXT SLT MEETING.

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